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In re the application of:

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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING MICRO-ORGANISMS
AND SUPPORT USED IN SAID METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Please amend this application, prior to calculation of the
filing fee, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between the title and the first heading, please insert
the following:

A1 This application is a continuation of International
application PCT/FR99/03003, filed December 3, 1999 and published on
June 15, 2000 in the French Language.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 12-26 as follows:

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12. (New) A method for detecting the presence in a sample,
contained in a sterile receptacle, of at least one anaerobic
microorganism, the sample being in contact with a culture medium,
comprising: